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NEWSLETTER

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NATIONAL FARM-CITY WEEK, 1987

As you and your family gather at your Thanksgiving table to enjoy good food and fellowship, I ask you to remember that this is also the week in which we pause to mark the achievements of farmers, rural townspeople and city residents who make our Nation's agricultural production and distribution so successful. For the past 33 years during Thanksgiving week, the American people have observed National Farm-City Week to express gratitude for all that with which God has blessed us, and to recognize that rural and urban people must cooperate to ensure our country's well-being.

Now, more than ever, I implore urban dwellers to pause and consider that Americans still enjoy the best standard of living in the world. Their ability to enjoy many other benefits depends upon the farmer providing top-quality food and fiber at prices which represent a relatively small part of each family's take-home pay.

The family farm has been an efficient production method and today family farm units are more productive than ever. For many family farmers, staying on the farm involves the farm wife or maybe even the farmer himself working off the farm in order to supplement the family's income from the farm.

When you and your family gather at the Thanksgiving table to give thanks to God for your blessings, also say a prayer for the American farmer, that he may have the strength and perseverance to continue to provide for all of us. And from all of us to all of you "Happy Thanksgiving Day."

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HANSARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Hansard Society is a non-profit public affairs and civic education foundation, established in 1944 by Winston Churchill and Clement Atlee, to study the working of parliamentary democracy and to stimulate interest in its principles. Today Sir Bernard Weatherill, Speaker of the House of Commons is the Society's president and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher serves as vice-president.

The Society operates a unique internship program under which a limited number of college-age persons may be appointed to positions enabling them to meet, work closely with, and learn from some of Britain's leading figures. Students are placed as assistants to members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, or to key personnel in local government, political parties, research institutes, public affairs sections of business firms and public interest and advocacy groups. Three related academic courses accompany the internship placements. Hansard Scholars can earn 15 units of upper division credit from Birkbeck College, University of London.

Costs of the semester-long program is 3,500 pounds sterling (aprox. \$5,600 US) which includes tuition, all credits and evaluations, housing plus other benefits.

Interested students should contact my Washington office for more details.

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CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

We welcome two students who are living with families in the 15th District under the 1987-88 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. This unique program attempts to create a special cross-cultural experience for American and German high school students. All share an interest in the workings of their own country's and host's legislative branches. I sincerely hope that during their stay I will have an opportunity to meet with these young people. I'm sure they will take home with them a much broader understanding of what America is all about.

Cathrin G. Dehmel is living in Floresville with Gaye Lynn Thomas and attends Poth High School. Heike Maria Kretschmann is living in Edinburg with Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Lopez and attends Edinburg High School.

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